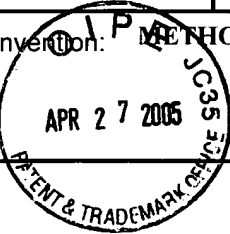
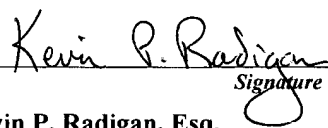
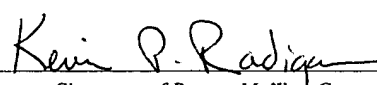


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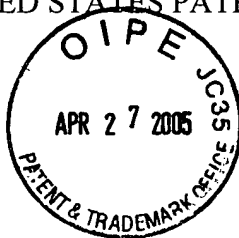
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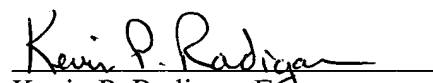
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**Response to Office Action**

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed responsive to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2005, in connection with the above-designated U.S. patent application. A response to the Office Action is due on or before Sunday, April 24, 2005, and therefore this Response is being timely filed on the next business day, Monday, April 25, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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